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A meeting of the Rangoon District People's Volunteer Organization (PVO) leaders was held in Thetkala, 22 miles south southeast of Pegu and the Headquarters of the Lower Burma PVO on 1 July 1950. Rangoon District PVO leaders present were:

BO N'UNT MAUNG

BO YE KHIN

Bo HLA MOE

Po OHN PE

Po AUMG MIN (aka PO TAW)

Bo TEZA (aka HAIN TIN)

Bo THA DUN

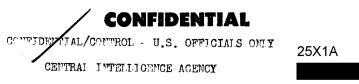
- The meeting discussed Bo LA YAUNG's activities in Rangoon in the matter of a PVO rapprochement with the Covernment and decided that any Rangoon District organization of the PVO raised by Bo LA YAUNG should:
 - (a) Be led by ex-detenu or ex-underground PVO leaders only.
 - (b) Accept Marxism as its political creed.
 - (c) Work in harmony with and render all support to the underground Rangoon District PVO.*
- 3. On 2 July 1950, Bo NYUNT MAUNG, accompanied by Bo HLA MOE, Bo YE KHIN and Bo OHN PE left Thetkala for Mamauk (30 miles southeast of Pegu), to meet leaders of the Lower Burma Headquarters of the BCP and to furnish to them reasons for the increased defection of Lower Purma and Rangoon District PVO's to the Government. It was decided that the party should later visit Daik-U to encourage support for the People's Democratic Front (FDF) and to resist any attempts on the part of the Covernment to induce them to desert.

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Bo NYUNT MAUNC is reputed to be discouraged over the increasing numbers of PVO desertions in Lower Burma to the Government camp and also because of the prevailing dissension among PVO leaders in lower Burma. He is also reported to be preparing to return to Central Burma and has already made provisional arrangements to leave Bo HLA MOE and Bo YE KHIN in charge of the Lower Burma PVO. These are regarded by him as the most trustworthy PVO leaders in lower Burma who are supporting the PDF.

Comment. These resolutions defy explanation unless they are intended as points for negatistion between the underground Common District PVO led by Bo NYUNT MAUNG on the one hand and Bo LA YAUNG on the other. If the latter is anxious to extablish himself as the foremost leader of the PVO and to ingratiate himself with the Government as being the individual chiefly instrumental in attracting the PVO once more into the AFFUL fold, the considerations implicit in the three points enumerated are not likely to prove much of a stumpling block to him. It is equally possible that these negotiations are designed as an opportunity for the BCP penetration of the PVO led by Bo LA YAUNG. The record of Bo NYUNT MAUNG, who is concurrently the leader of the Lower Burma PVO and of the underground Rangoon District PVO, leaves little doubt that he is a very close BCP sympathizer, if not an under-cover member of that party.

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